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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Legislation Division, OLL

SUBJECT:

Compact of Free Association for
Micronesia and the Marshall Islands

1. This memorandum seeks your comments on the State Department's draft Joint Resolution implementing the Compact of Free Association for Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. The draft Joint Resolution has previously been provided under separate cover.

2. This Compact recognizes the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands as fully self-governing states competent to conduct their own foreign affairs, subject to the full authority and responsibility of the United States for security and defense matters. This United States role in security and defense matters is the central element of the free association relationship. The Compact also provides that the peoples of the Freely Associated States (FAS) will be citizens of their respective FAS and will not become United States citizens. Certain provisions of this Compact would permit United States citizens to become FAS citizens (§172) or serve in FAS government (§144) without losing their U.S. citizenship.

3. I must forward our comments to the Office of Management and Budget by 12 January 1984. I would appreciate your comments on this draft legislation before that time.

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